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MINISTER PALME

1. I DISCUSSED FEB. 22-23 BERLIN MEETING OF SOCIALIST
INTERNATIONAL AND PALME'S ROLE WITH ISRAELI AMBASSADOR TO
SWEDEN AVNER IDAN, WHO HAD RECEIVED REPORT FROM ISRAELI
AMBASSADOR TO FRG. ACCORDING TO HIS ACCOUNT, FORMER ISRAELI PRIME
MINISTER GOLDA MEIR HAD BEEN TAKEN TO TASK BY SOME OF
HER FELLOW SOCIALISTS IN BERLIN FOR HER ALLEGEDLY RIGID
AND UNCOMPROMISING STAND ON EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE MIDEAST
SETTLEMENT DURING HER TENURE IN OFFICE FROM 1967-73.
MEIR THEN TOOK FLOOR IN WHAT SHE DESCRIBED AS HER FAREWELL
ADDRESS TO SOCIALIST INTERNATIONALE. IN FIRM BUT
RESTRAINED TONE, SHE INSISTED THAT SHE HAD ALWAYS BEEN
READY TO NEGOTIATE WITH ARABS, BUT SAID THEIR DEMANDS
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WERE UNLIMITED. AUSTRIAN CHANCELLOR KREISKY THEN

CHALLENGED THIS VIEW, ASSERTING THAT ISRAELIS HAD BEEN INTRANSIGENT, AND WAS BACKED UP BY SWEDISH PRIME MINISTER PALME.

2. ACCORDING TO IDAN, MRS. MEIR DID NOT RESPOND TO KREISKY-PALME CRITICISM, BUT FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON DID, IN CONCILIATORY MANNER. IDAN EMPHASIZED THAT SWEDISH PRESS REPORTS OF A BITTER CONFRONTATION BETWEEN MRS. MEIR AND PALME AND KREISKY WERE HIGHLY EXAGGERATED. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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